



Invitation to the course
EU history and core values
(Activity No 23-24/EUMSSF/4)
Lisbon, 6 to 10 May 2024

Under the auspices of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Colégio Militar has the honour of organising a course dedicated to EU history and core values, to be held in Lisbon from 6 to 10 May 2024.

This course is intended for military secondary school students and aims to help familiarise them with the European Union, its history and core values.

It focuses on fostering and disseminating knowledge and skills at the level of secondary school participants, and highlights the attitudes that we expect our participants to take away with them in order to better promote EU values and create an even stronger Europe.

In this context, we would like to invite you to this important training activity.

Colonel Jorge TORRES

**Commander of the
Colégio Militar**

Fergal O REGAN

**Acting Head of the
European Security and
Defence College**

Annexes

A – Administrative instructions

B – Draft programme

Administrative instructions

Activity No 2023-24/EUMSSF/4

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ANY MINORS AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO BE UNDER THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ADULT SUPERVISION OF PERSONNEL FROM THE SENDING SCHOOLS FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF THE COURSE.

- **Target group:** The course is open exclusively to students from schools which are part of the EU Military Secondary Schools Forum (EUMSSF). Schools which are members of the EUMSSF or associated members from third countries are invited to nominate participants.
- **Accompanying staff:** Staff accompanying students should ideally have participated in the EUMSSF 'EU for Secondary Schools' course held in June 2022.
- **Seats and nominations:** For quality purposes, the total number of participants is limited to a **maximum of 30** (five students from each of the two Portuguese schools and 20 participants from other schools). Taking into account that some schools might not be able to send participants, schools are advised to nominate **up to three participants (preferably including both female and male students), clearly indicating the order of priority for their participation**. The minimum requirement in order to run the course is **eight international** participants.
- **Applications:** All applications are to be submitted **exclusively** via email to the **course director** at cm@colegiomilitar.pt **no later than 8 March 2024**. Applications should indicate: full name of the candidate (as it appears in the identification document that will be used for accessing the course venue); personal email address (functional mailboxes will not be accepted); gender; nationality; passport or ID number; expiry date of passport or ID; date of birth; sending institution.
- **Language:** English.
- **Attendance:** Participants' attendance will be mandatory at all times during the course. A course certificate will be awarded on the last day of the course to those participants who have completed the full course, including the mandatory e-learning modules. The course venue will be the premises of the Colégio Militar in Lisbon.
- **E-learning:** The course will be preceded by a mandatory e-learning module set to start on **5 April 2024** on the ESDC e-learning platform ILIAS, which needs **to be completed no later than 3 May 2024**.

- **Costs:**
 - **For the students**, all travel costs are to be covered by the sending authorities.
 - **For the accompanying staff (teachers)**, all costs for travel, accommodation and catering (excluding lunch) during the course are to be covered by the sending authorities.
- **Dress code:**
 - **For accompanying staff (teachers)**: jacket and tie or service uniform.
 - **For students**: service uniform.
- **Liabilities and insurance:** The sending institutions must ensure that participating trainees and teachers are in possession of **civil liability insurance**, valid for the entire duration of the residential part of the course, covering them on the **territory of Portugal**. **The organiser does not provide health or accident insurance for participants.**
- **COVID-related info:** All participants are obliged to follow Portuguese regulations and guidelines.
- **The format of the course and whether or not the course will actually take place (in the event that the minimum number of students is not reached) will be confirmed by 5 April 2024. Please do not book flights or accommodation before receiving this confirmation.**
- Registration will not be final until confirmed by the course director / the school.

Course director/ Colégio Militar point of contact:

Captain Luís Freire

Email: cm@colegiomilitar.pt

Training Manager / ESDC point of contact:

Mr Simone Coccia

Email: simone.coccia@eeas.europa.eu

DRAFT PROGRAMME - EU HISTORY AND CORE VALUES

Activity No 2023-24/EUMSSF/4

Monday 6/5/2024	Tuesday 7/5/2024	Wednesday 8/5/2024	Thursday 9/5/2024	Friday 10/5/2024
Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC	Venue TBC
	08.00-08.50 Lecture 09.00-09.50 Lecture 10.10- 11.00 Coffee break 11.10-12.00 Lecture 12.10-13.00 Lecture	08.00-08.50 Lecture 09.00-09.50 Lecture 10.10- 11.00 Coffee break 11.10-12.00 Lecture 12.10-13.00 Lecture	08.00-08.50 Lecture 09.00-09.50 Lecture 10.10- 11.00 Coffee break 11.10-12.00 Lecture 12.10-13.00 Lecture	09.00-09.30 Recap of the week 09.30-10.30 <i>Tour de table</i> among participants 10.30-11.00 Coffee break 11.00-12.00 Closing remarks Certificates
13.00-14.30 Registration	13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Lunch break	13.00-14.30 Lunch break
14.30 Introduction to the course 15.00 Opening remarks 15.30 Informal <i>tour de table</i> and presentation of participants 16.30-19.30 Coffee break and school tour	14.30-15.20 Lecture 15.30-16.20 Lecture 16.30-19.30 School activities (TBD)	14.30-15.20 Lecture 15.30-16.20 Lecture 16.30-19.30 School activities (TBD)	14.30-15.20 Lecture 15.30-16.20 Lecture Informal dinner and Lisbon tour	14.00-14.30 Review of the course